



Let's talk Lice

It's amazing that such a small, irritating bug can cause such high anxiety in most people. Yes, I'm talking about lice. Although they are smaller than an eraser on a pencil, they can bring families to tears.

Here is the truth about Lice:

Lice crawl; they do not jump, hop, or fly.

They are very common, especially in children.

They do not spread other diseases.

Lice have been around for thousands of years.

They are a condition, not a disease.

Lice require a lot of effort to properly treat.

The Lice treatment should be repeated in a week.

Over The Counter medications usually work for Lice if used properly. Lice are not transmitted by pets.

Nits are the eggs of lice.

Nits glue themselves to hair shafts and are hard to remove.

Having Lice does not exclude a child from school once treated.

There is additional information about lice on <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/>

You can always call your school nurse or your primary care provider if you have any questions.

Note: In-school transmission of head lice is considered to be rare. Please check your child's hair routinely as it is not the school's responsibility to screen students for head lice. The school will, however, track how many cases may be present in a classroom and notify parents/guardians when deemed appropriate and based on state guidelines.